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RESERVATION SET APART FOR A MARINE HOSPITAL AT HONOLULU.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,

Washington, D. C., January 5, 1900.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, accepting and confirming the cession of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States, it is hereby ordered and directed that out of the Government reservation lying to the eastward of the Puowaina or Punch Bowl Hill, in the island of Oahu, Hawaiian Islands, 7 acres, more or less, as hereinafter described and located, shall be set apart for the use of the United States Treasury Department, as a site for a United States marine-hospital, for the port of Honolulu.

This site shall consist of 7 acres situated north of Makiki cemetery and bounded on the north and east by the sinuosities of the Punch Bowl road; on the south by a line projected eastward from the powder magazine to intersect the Punch Bowl road, this line being the southern boundary of the Government reservation at that point; and on the west by an arbitrary north and south line, drawn so as to leave seven acres within this designated tract.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST PLAGUE.

On January 6 the following order was sent to all Pacific coast quarantine stations:

Disinfect holds of all vessels which have lain at Honolulu docks, whether having sickness aboard or not. Any further measures depending on history of vessel. Keep special lookout for ambulant cases. Expose glandular regions in inspection.

The Pacific coast quarantine stations have been strengthened by detail and authorization for employment of additional medical officers as follows: Three at Port Townsend, 1 at Astoria, 1 at Eureka, and 1 at San Diego. Additional employees have also been authorized.

Fifteen hundred doses of the "Haffkine prophylactic," prepared in the hygienic laboratory of the Service, have been sent to Honolulu and the same quantity to Manila, for use in preventing the disease.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Case of yellow fever in Key West.

KEY WEST, FLA., *January 8, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that Acting Assistant Surgeon Eve, United States Army, expressed his suspicions as to a case of fever he was treating, and in consequence I visited the case with him this morning, and telegraphed to your office: "One case of yellow fever in a civilian employee United States Army stationed here. The troops are to be dispatched from Fort Monroe.—LOFTY."

Lawrence, white, age 35, engineer of the army barracks, has lived in Key West for two years, had dengue in 1898, was quarantined with the remainder of the soldiers September 1 and released December 2; since then he has lived with his wife and her family on the corner of Southard and William streets. He was ill the morning of January 5, but attended to his duties in the garrison grounds, went to sick call on the morning of January 6, and was sent to his home, where Dr. Eve treated him. The principal signs of yellow fever are present, and the man will get well. There were cases of fever in the house in September or October.

The troops are expected to return here from Fort Monroe in a few days. I feel confident the barracks are free from infection.

The agent of the State board of health, Dr. Sweeting, will prohibit communication with the infected house.

Respectfully,

R. D. MURRAY,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Quarantine restrictions against Miami removed.

[Telegram.]

KEY WEST, FLA., *January 16, 1900.*

Quarantine restrictions against Miami have been removed.

JOSEPH Y. PORTER,
State Health Officer.

Smallpox in Cairo, Ill.

CAIRO, ILL., *January 8, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report, concerning the prevalence of smallpox in this city, that, for the week ended January 7, there were 5 new cases and 2 deaths, making a total of 21 cases and 2 deaths reported to date. In addition to the above number, there have occurred 11 cases and 1 death since the beginning of the present outbreak which have been reported to the Marine-Hospital Bureau, making in all 32